

I am writing against vaccine passports. I am vaccinated so that's not the issue. My reason is that the science no longer supports such a decision. While vaccines protected other people, there was some sense in allowing businesses to regulate who entered or didn't. With omicron, that is no longer true. Although vaccines protect the person who has them, that person can still be a carrier and so there is no more protection for others with a vaccinated person than with an unvaccinated one.

Another reason is that getting a medical or religious or other type of exemption seems to be an onerous and uneven process. I haven't seen any links to how to do it so I'm not even sure there is a method in place. I have a friend who was advised by her doctor to not get the vaccine because of her health issues. How does she go about getting an exemption? Is there a way to be certified as "safe to enter buildings" if one has already had the virus? How is that proven? Doctors don't let you come to the office and the test results are often just verbal or an at-home test. The whole question seems complicated and unnecessary at this point.

Please do not make an entire group of people into second class citizens with no real scientific justification. This will not help quality of life in our county and won't prevent spread of omicron (at least it didn't keep it from spreading in NYC where the passport was in effect as early as October and still is as far as I know). Please focus instead on how to live with the virus.

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